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Serial No. :	09/578,827)	C. Collins
Cnfrm. No. :	5552)	Art Unit:
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For :	SHORT-ROOT GENE, PROMOTER, AND USES THEREOF)	

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the September 27, 2002, office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 32 and 33.

Please amend claims 22, 24, 27, and 31 as follows:

22. (Twice Amended) A transgenic plant comprising a transgene encoding a heterologous gene of interest operatively associated with a *SHORT-ROOT* promoter, said promoter consisting essentially of a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 and functioning to promote stele-specific expression in roots and embryos of a plant, so that the gene of interest is expressed in a tissue-specific manner in roots or embryos.